

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A merchandise order receiving system wherein a plurality of communication terminals order merchandise through a first network, the system comprising:

an order controlling apparatus connected with said plurality of communication terminals through the network for receiving an order of merchandise from said plurality of communication terminals;

an image storing apparatus connected with said order controlling apparatus through a second network different from the first network, said image storing apparatus storing character information and/or image information as image data;

a charging and settlement apparatus connected with said plurality of communication terminals through the first network for performing charging and settlement of the ordered merchandise;

an order receiving apparatus connected with said order controlling apparatus through the second network for receiving an order of shipping of the merchandise through the second network, the shipping being ordered to said order controlling apparatus by said plurality of communication terminals through the first network, according to the charging and settlement performed by said charging and settlement apparatus;

a print out apparatus connected with said order controlling apparatus through the second network for printing the image data supplied from said image storing apparatus through the second network in a form of one of a hologram and holographic stereogram as printed matter;

a merchandise assembling apparatus connected with said order controlling apparatus through the second network, for incorporating the printed matter in the merchandise to assemble an assembled merchandise as final shipping goods; and

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